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In re Application of:

**Descamps et al.**

Serial No. 09/787,714

Filed: **March 21, 2001**

For: **Endofucanases And Method Using Same For  
Preparing Fuco-oligosaccharides From Fucanes,  
Bacterium Producing Endofucanases And Uses  
Of Fuco-oligosaccharides For Plant Protection**

Examiner: **Fisher, L. M.**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the following amendment and remarks. Included herewith is a petition along with the appropriate fee for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

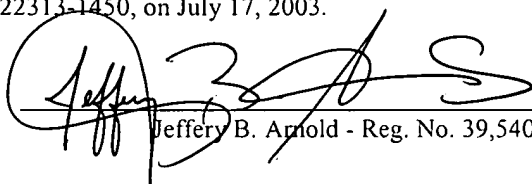
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Conclusion** is on page 7 of this paper.

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